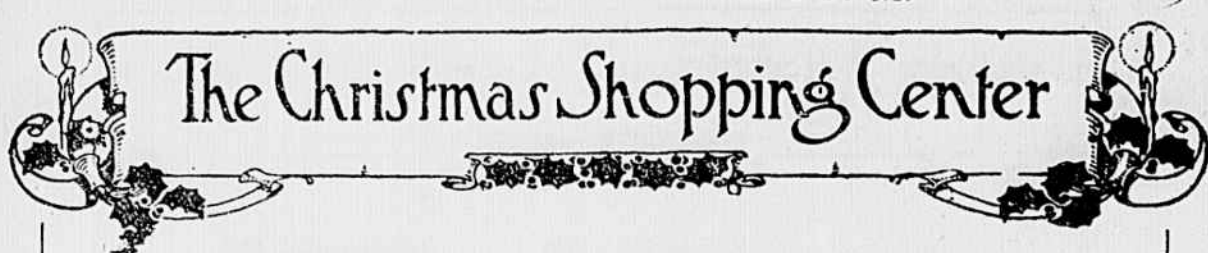


STORE OPEN DAILY UNTIL 6 P. M.



Miller & Rhoads

Christmas Silks!

Silk, the Queen of All Dress Fabrics, Makes a Much Appreciated Gift

Beautiful Silks For Holiday Gifts

Silks for Waists. Silks for Kimonos. Silks for Dresses. Silks for Evening Gowns. Silks for Petticoats. Silks for Underwear. Silks for Scarfs. Silks for Fancy Work.

Our assortments of these fashionable Silks are large and varied, and our prices very reasonable.

We have, ready boxed, a number of Silk Waist Patterns, Dress Lengths and Kimono Patterns for Christmas Gifts.

In addition to these ready boxed Silks, we will appropriately box any Waist or Dress Length selected from our entire silk stock, upon request. So, if wanted for a Xmas Gift, ask to have them boxed.

First Floor.

Dainty Laces for Xmas

What is more appreciated than a hand-made gift of beautiful, dainty lace? Our stock of these laces was never more complete.

Laces for Waists. Laces for Evening Gowns. Laces for Camisoles. Laces for Boudoir Caps. Laces for Collars. Laces for Jabots. Laces for Underwear.

Special Booth of 5c Laces

For your convenience we have arranged a Booth of Laces at 5c yard.

They consist of Val. Beading and Edge Combinations. French and German Val. Edges and Insertions to match. 3/4 to 2 inches wide; Linen Torchon Laces, 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches wide, in a large variety of patterns.

First Floor.

SHOP EARLY IN THE DAY

If you can possibly arrange to do so. In the morning stocks are shipshape; our helpers are refreshed after their night's rest, and so are you; the departments and the elevators are less crowded than later in the day. You can accomplish more in an hour of morning shopping than in two hours of the afternoon. Try it!

MILLER & RHOADS.

EVERY LINE OF TRADE SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Advertisers' Club Completes Authoritative Survey of Business Conditions in Richmond.

EFFECT OF ADVERTISING
Those Lines Which Have Increased Their Expenditures for Advertising Have Made Largest Percentage of Increase in Business.

Business in Richmond is not only showing a large percentage of increase over the corresponding period of last year, according to an authoritative survey of conditions in this city, made by the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, but it also is a significant fact that in those lines of business in which advertising had been more extensive, the business has shown the largest percentage of increase.

The survey, which was made under the direction of William J. Moll, who has personally interviewed the heads of more than eighty business houses engaged in retail trade. Similar investigations of business conditions for the month of November as compared with the same month last year are being conducted elsewhere under the auspices of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, and the results will be made known in a general survey of trade conditions in leading cities of the United States.

EVERY LINE OF TRADE SHOWS BIG INCREASE
The local committee submitted a series of questions to those in the retail trade here, and has compiled and averaged the answers as follows:

1. How does the total volume of business for November, 1915, compare with November, 1914?
Department stores.....23 1/2% increase
Clothing stores.....27 1/2% increase
Grocery stores.....21% increase
Drug stores.....28% increase
Hardware stores.....28% increase
Jewelry stores.....23 1/4% increase

2. What percentage of the accounts on books October 31 were collected during November?
Department stores.....27 1/2%
Clothing stores.....42%
Grocery stores.....32%
Drug stores.....35%
Hardware stores.....50%
Jewelry stores.....33%
3. How did the volume of stock during November, 1915, compare with volume of stock during November, 1914?
Department stores.....45% increase
Clothing stores.....No increase
Grocery stores.....2 1/2% increase
Drug stores.....No increase
Hardware stores.....17 1/2% increase
Jewelry stores.....15% increase

4. How did the advertising expenditures of November, 1915, compare with the advertising expenditures of November, 1914?
Department stores.....2% increase
Clothing stores.....5% increase
Grocery stores.....1% increase
Drug stores.....No increase
Hardware stores.....5% increase
Jewelry stores.....10% increase

These facts gathered from the leading merchants in their lines, and are actual percentages taken from their books. In every case the merchant stated that the prospects for the coming year were very optimistic.

The investigation was carried on by the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, the members of the National Educational Research Committee acting as agents.

WILL ELECT MANAGER

Southern Settlement and Development Organization to Have Offices in Richmond.

A special committee of the Virginia Branch of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization was entrusted yesterday with the duty of taking immediate steps to secure the services of a state manager, who will be put in charge of the work of the organization in Virginia. It was thought that enough money had been secured or pledged to inaugurate the coming year's work, and the organization is anxious to begin work at the earliest possible moment.

The members of the board who attended yesterday's meeting, which was held at the Jefferson Hotel, were E. M. Carrington, of Richmond, president of the organization; Edmund Strudwick, also of this city, a member of the executive committee; George E. Wise, of Newport News, and W. G. Mathews, of Charlottesville, President S. Davies Warfield and Vice-President Clement S. Ecker, and Robert M. Pindell, Jr., of the parent organization at Baltimore, were also present, and took an active part in the deliberations.

It will be the duty of the manager to give any information desired to those who have an idea of either locating in Virginia or of investing money here. Especial efforts will be made by this branch to attract desirable immigrants to the millions of acres of idle lands in the State. The development of Virginia along all lines, however, will be the aim of the body. The manager will have his office in Richmond.

The Virginia Branch of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization was formed here May 12 at a meeting held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Rogers Seriously Ill.
Mrs. George M. Rogers, mother of Congressman George W. Rogers and wife of Captain George M. Rogers is seriously ill at their residence in Fulton.

Senator Chamberlain to Speak.
Senator George Earle Chamberlain, of Oregon, a graduate of Washington and Lee University, will be the principal speaker at the mass meeting of the Virginia State Suffrage Convention in the Jefferson Hotel Auditorium Friday night. The meeting will be open to the public.

Game Warden Seizes Big Shipment of Netted Game Sent to Market from Eastern Shore.

Malheur birds will be on the bill of fare at the following charitable institutions of Richmond today: Sheltering Arms Hospital, Male Orphan Asylum, Retreat for the Sick, Baker Street Orphanage, Masonic Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Egypt Home, Methodist Home, Episcopal Home.

The expensive fowl were distributed among the institutions named yesterday by W. C. Lyndham, State Game Warden, and William Todd, manager of the Virginia Game Protective Association, immediately after a seizure made on Cary Street. They had been shipped to Richmond by R. P. Linton, of Quakely, Va., consigned to the Woodson-Clark Commission Company, who reported the discovery that they had been killed by thrusting an awl through the head. This is the method usually employed by netters. Catching ducks in a net is prohibited by law. Game wardens recently fired on a gang they caught using the net on the Eastern Shore, but the men escaped, after exchanging shots with the pursuing officers. National and State officers are now investigating the source of the shipment consigned to Richmond by Linton.

Mrs. Armistead to Speak.
Mrs. Mary Harris Armistead, of the field staff of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will deliver an address in the Broad Street Methodist Church next Tuesday night. She will be introduced by the State president, Mrs. Sara H. Hoge.

HOPEWELL NOW HAS TWO CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Rival Organizations Are Both Chartered by State Corporation Commission.

FIGHT OVER INCORPORATION
Issue Expected to Be Brought Before Legislature This Winter—Perry Heads One Chamber and Temple the Other.

Hopewell re-enforced its claim to the title of "The Wonder City," and made a fresh bid for national fame yesterday when the enterprising and progressive citizens of "that man's town" won for it the distinction of being the only business community in America that may boast of having two Chambers of Commerce.

New York, Chicago and many other large cities have rival associations, each claiming to be the representative business men's organization; but the situation in Hopewell's case is different. Each holds claim to the name as well as the fame designated by the title Chamber of Commerce.

Rival factions of the business men, backed by opposing political factions, applied to the State Corporation Commission for charters. Each wanted to be known as the Chamber of Commerce. The commission settled the controversy in short order. The first application filed was that of Perry, president, and A. Bloomberg, secretary. They scored a victory by being first on the ground. Their organization was chartered as the Hopewell Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

TEMPLE AND WATTS HEAD RIVAL CORPORATION
This necessitated a different name for the opposing faction, who had to content themselves with a charter for the Hopewell Chamber of Commerce, Va. Thomas Temple is the president of the latter organization and J. Leicester Watts is the secretary.

The organization headed by Perry is backed by the political faction that is making a fight to have the Hopewell community incorporated by the Legislature as a city of 20,000 population. The rival organization has the backing of the political element fighting to restrict the corporate limits and secure a charter from the courthouse for a town of less than 5,000.

In political circles the clash of yesterday is regarded as the first gun in a political war between the plans of the two factions, which will be fought in the General Assembly when the bill for the incorporation of Hopewell as a city is introduced next month.

A preliminary skirmish, however, is expected between the "small-town" forces and the "big-town" forces in the Circuit Court of Prince George County, when the former faction applies for a writ of prohibition to prevent the latter from representing the interests of the "big-town" faction will appear in court and ask a continuance of any proceedings that may be inaugurated after the Legislature has taken action on the petition and bill asking for a city charter.

As soon as the charters were awarded representatives of the two chambers of commerce left Richmond in a race for Washington, where each will apply for admission to membership in the National Chamber of Commerce.

An unconfirmed report from Hopewell last night was to the effect that there was a movement on foot to bring the rivals to some agreement whereby the two may settle the difficulties and amalgamate.

Both organizations met last night in powder town, and while there was much discussion, no action of any importance was taken.

CITY NOT LIABLE

Assistant City Attorney Anderson Rejects Sewer Collapse Claim for Damages to Building.

In the opinion of Assistant City Attorney Anderson the city of Richmond is in no way liable for the recent collapse of the front walls of the building at 221 East Broad Street, and the resulting damage to the owners, W. H. and G. M. Schwarzschild. It was claimed by these that the collapse was caused by defective sewer work done under the city's direction.

After examining all the papers in the case, Colonel Anderson reports that he is of the belief that the damage was caused by defective plumbing work. He advised the board to refuse to recognize the claim for damages against the city. The opinion of the Assistant City Attorney was communicated to the owners of the building.

REQUISITIONS HONORED

Charles Burke to Stand Trial in Norfolk on Charge of Stealing Jewelry.

Charles Burke, an alleged jewelry thief, apprehended in Baltimore, is to be brought back to Norfolk to answer an indictment charging him with the larceny of trinkets valued at \$1,250, the property of Charles H. Brooks. A requisition issued from the office of Governor Stuart yesterday to the Governor of Maryland, asking for the surrender of Burke, and the papers were given to Police Officer Joseph W. Purnell, of Norfolk, who left last night to claim his prisoner.

A requisition from Governor Locke Craig, of North Carolina, for John B. Lowry, in jail at Norfolk, was honored, and the prisoner was delivered last night to Deputy Sheriff Charles Brown, who came from Pasquotank County, N. C., where an indictment stands against Lowry, charging him with the larceny of a bicycle.

Cold Weather Comforts

Abound here. Overcoats, Suits, Hats and Gloves in just the proper weights to insure warmth for the wearer.

Gans-Rady Company

EXPORT LEAF COMPANY APPLIES FOR INJUNCTION

Would Restrain City From Collecting Tax on Tobacco as Tangible Property.

CITY MAY LOSE \$34,227.02

Judge Scott Hears Argument in City Circuit Court—Will Render Decision To-Day—Involves Construction of New Tax Laws.

Application for an injunction was made in the City Circuit Court yesterday by the Export Leaf Tobacco Company, to restrain the State of Virginia and the city of Richmond from enforcing the collection of taxes upon the assessment of tobacco, merchandise and materials held by this company, for State and city taxes. The assessed value of the property involved is \$2,123,547.

The injunction is asked in order that time may be given for the courts to determine under exactly what classification, city and State, the company's property is to be taxed. If the courts hold as, City Attorney Pollard has held—that this property must be classified as a city tax, the company's property at the rate of \$1.50 per \$100—the city stands to profit in the sum of \$34,227.02.

CITY MAY LOSE \$34,227.02

IF RULING STANDS

It appears that Commissioner of the Revenue Henry E. Tresham assessed the property for city taxes as tangible property at the \$1.50 rate. The Local Board of Review, however, in reply to its interrogatory, received from the company a statement in which it listed the same property for State taxation as intangible personal property which is subject to a State tax of 65 cents and a city tax of 20 cents. If this classification is permitted to stand, the city will lose \$34,227.02.

Mr. Tresham applied to the City Attorney for advice in the matter. The latter, in an opinion rendered on November 19, upheld the classification of Commissioner Tresham as far as the city is concerned, and denied the authority of the Local Board of Review to change it.

In its application for a restraining order the Export Leaf Tobacco Company now seeks to prevent the State and city tax officials from enforcing their levies until the question as to the proper classification is judicially determined. It is asked that the injunction be made to apply to State Auditor C. Lee Moore, the State of Virginia, City Treasurer J. B. Pace, City Collector Herbert H. Hulce, Commissioner of the Revenue Henry E. Tresham, and the city of Richmond.

For the company the case was argued yesterday by Attorney E. Randolph Williams. The city of Richmond was represented by City Attorney Pollard, and the State of Virginia by Assistant Attorney-General Christopher B. Garnett. Judge Scott took the case under advisement and served notice that he will render a decision at 10 o'clock this morning.

Nixon Admitted to Bail
William Nixon, charged with the murder of Luther Roach, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,500 yesterday by Judge Ernest H. Wells, in Eastern District Court. Part of Nixon's bail was retained before the next grand jury of the Hustings Court, having waived a preliminary hearing in the Police Court.

Concealed Pistol
W. M. Moore, arrested by Police man Tiller on a charge of carrying a concealed pistol on his person, was fined the usual \$100 and costs in the Police Court yesterday.

AMUSEMENTS

ACADEMY, To-Night Nat. C. Goodwin

In the Comedy Success, "NEVER SAY DIE!"
Prices, 50c to \$1.50.

Academy, To-Morrow

Matinee and Night.
Al. H. Wilson
In a Periodic Song Play, "AS YEARS ROLL ON."
Prices: Matinee, 25c to \$1.00. Night, 50c to \$1.50.

ACADEMY

Friday and Saturday
Matinee Saturday.

Comedy of Toys

Given for the Benefit of the Belgian Relief.
Prices, \$1.00, 75c, 50c.

BIJOU Noon Until 11:00 P.M.

Mon. Tues. Wed. New Prices

W. S. Hart, in the Big Live Production "THE DISCIPLE"—AND—"Her Patient Hero," A Sensational Comedy.

Afternoon, 10c. Night, 15c. Orchestra, 15c.

Change of Program Thursday. Same Augmented Orchestra.

ISIS

ADMISSION 10c CHILDREN 5c

TO-DAY,
MARY PICKFORD
IN
"LITTLE PAL"
TO-MORROW,
BLANCHE SWEET
IN
"THE CAPTIVE"

Little Theater

—AGAIN TO-DAY—
The Big Laughing Hit,
VICTOR MOORE

"Chimmie Fadden Out West!"

REX THEATER

Broad at Seventh Street.
—TO-DAY ONLY—
Henry B. Walthall, in
"GHOSTS"

Five-Act Mutual Masterpiece by the Famous Author, Henrik Ibsen.
"Stanley's Adventures in Africa," With Captain Jack Bonavita and Bostock's Animals.

The Valentine Museum
ELEVENTH AND CLAY STREETS.
Hours 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. Admission 25c. Free on Saturdays.

Big Poultry Show Now On!

The eleventh annual exhibition of the Virginia Poultry Association, Inc., is being held at 116 EAST BROAD STREET every day and night until 10 o'clock Thursday night.

The exhibition embraces the finest collection of every variety of birds raised in Virginia. Come in and see the prize winners and look at the beautiful silver trophies.

General admission, 10 cents; Children, 5 cents. Patronize this show and encourage the poultry fanciers of Virginia to promote that industry.

The Rough Places

demand the most attention from a large number of people.

If you have prepared for sudden calls and emergencies by establishing your credit with this strong Financial Institution, you will find it an efficient shock-absorber on the road to success.

The American National Bank

Of Richmond, Virginia

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